The proposed Broadcast Flag is a very bad idea. It will do little to discourage piracy and instead tramples upon the fair use rights of people using technology for legal purposes. This is a slap in the face for law-abiding persons who would be automatically treated as technology criminals unless they are able to prove they are not. This Broadcast Flag could effectively destroy the ability of home and private creation of media and obsolesce a vast array of existing media tools.

I urge you to require the content industry to demonstrate that its proposed technologies will allow for all legal uses and will actually achieve the stated goal of preventing piracy. If they cannot, the broadcast flag should not be allowed to stand.

sincerely,

-Dennis Dahler